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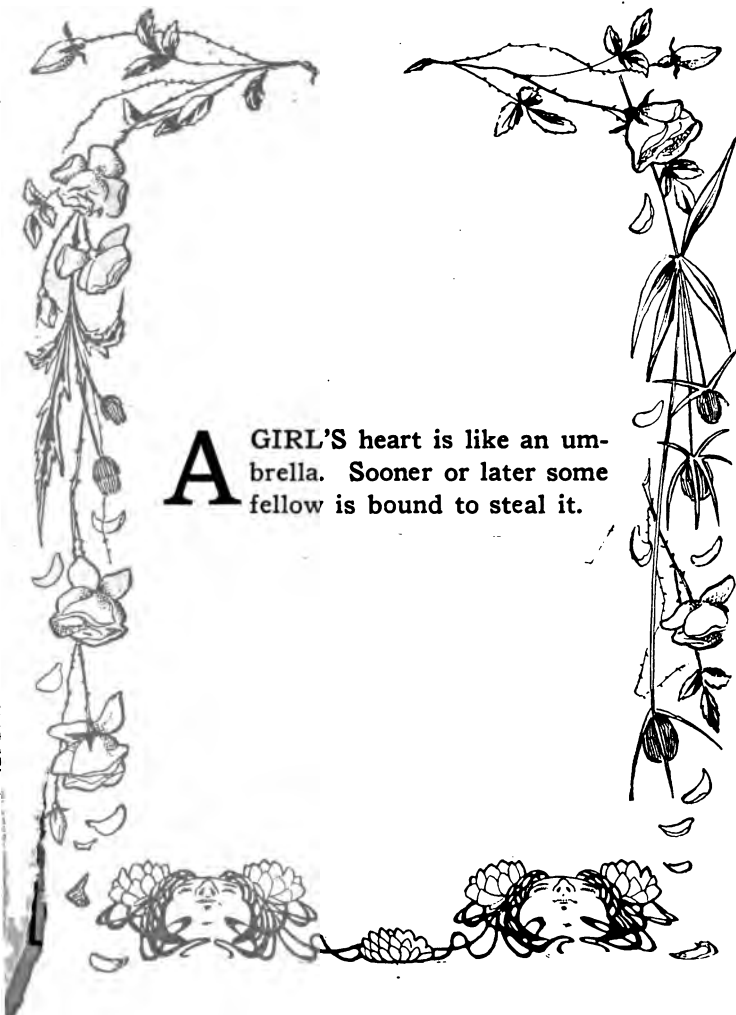
With best wishes

of the author,

Walter Reuther

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A GIRL'S heart is like an umbrella. Sooner or later some fellow is bound to steal it.



Meditations of A Mean Man

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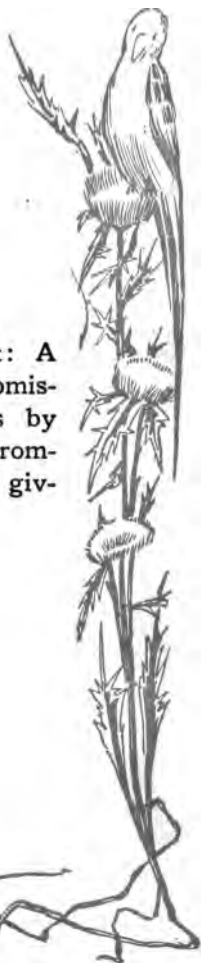
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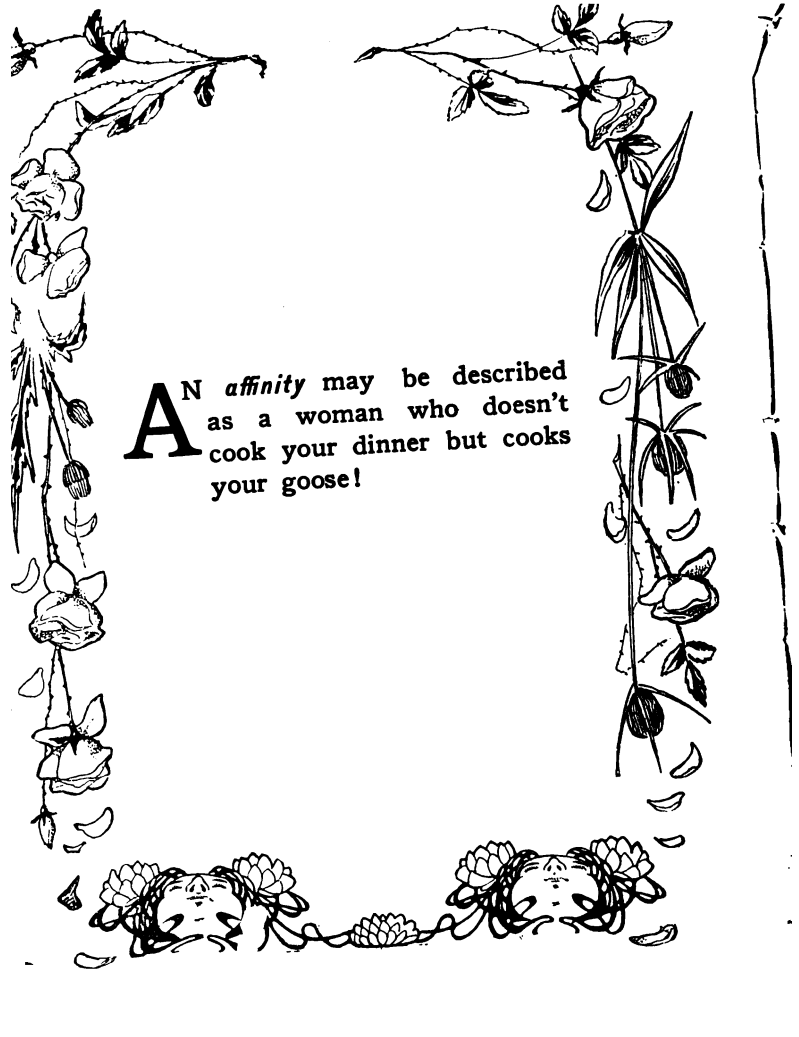
A Toast to the Dearest

HERE'S to the dearest
Of all things on earth.
(*Dearest* precisely,
And yet of full worth.)
One who lays siege to
All weak, manly hearts.
(Pocket-books also—
That's one of her arts!)
Drink to her, toast her,
Your banners unfurl!
Here's to the priceless (?)
American Girl!

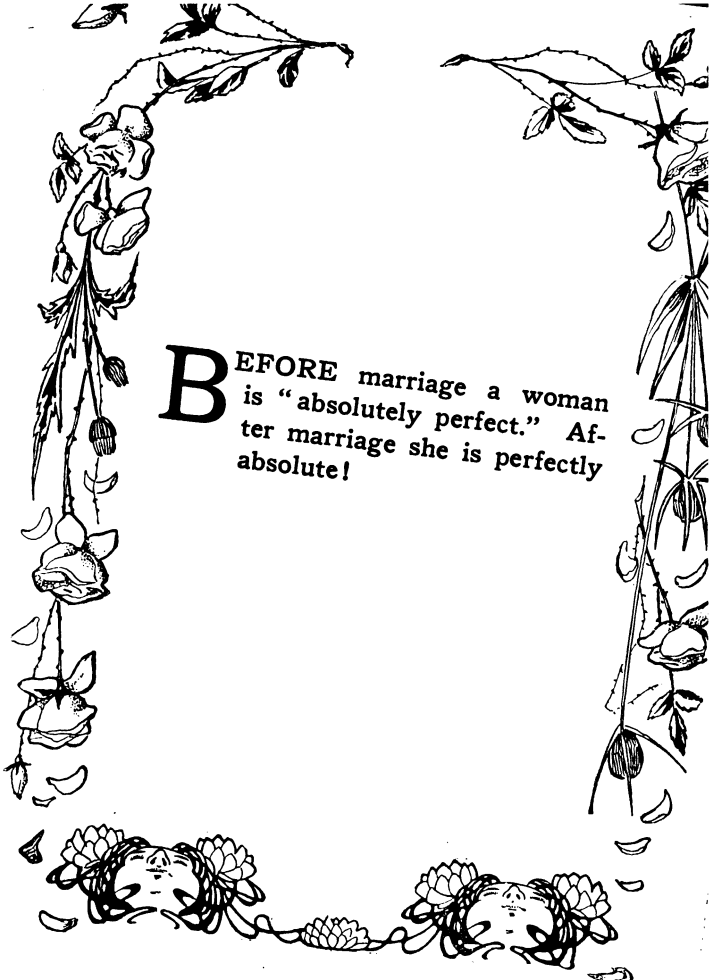


THIS is the way of it: A woman begins by promising nothing and ends by giving *all*; a man begins by promising everything and ends by giving *nothing*!

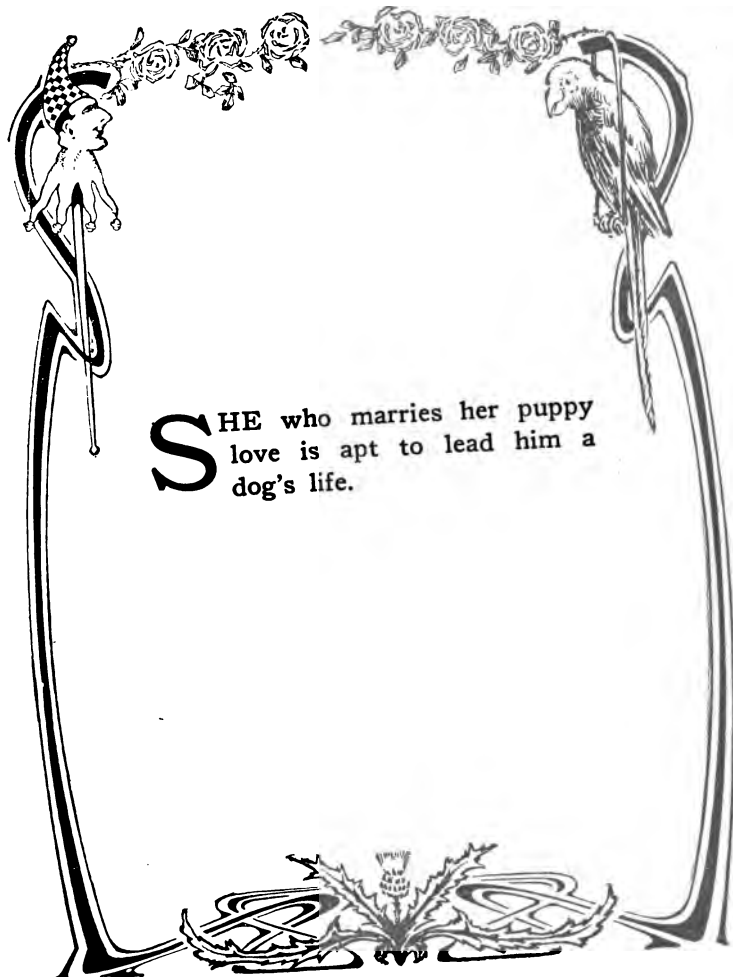




AN *affinity* may be described
as a woman who doesn't
cook your dinner but cooks
your goose!



BEFORE marriage a woman
is "absolutely perfect." Af-
ter marriage she is perfectly
absolute!



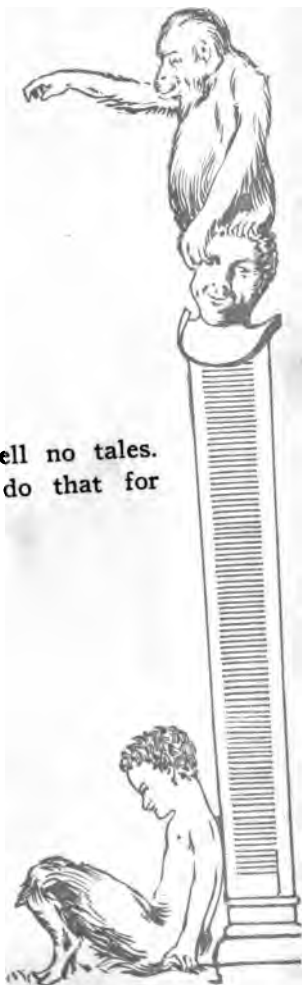
SHE who marries her puppy
love is apt to lead him a
dog's life.

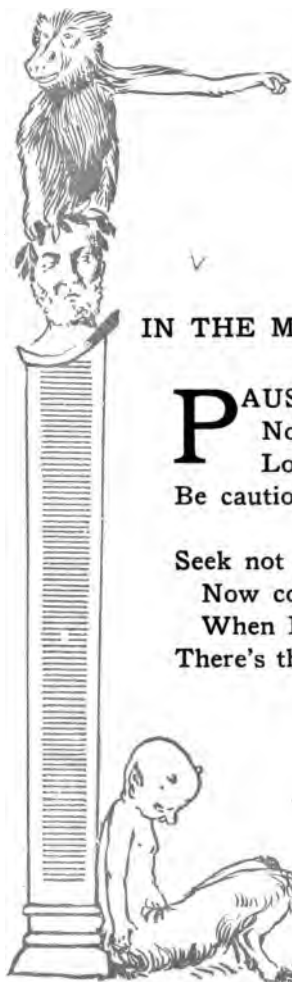
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DEAD widows tell no tales.
Their friends do that for
them!

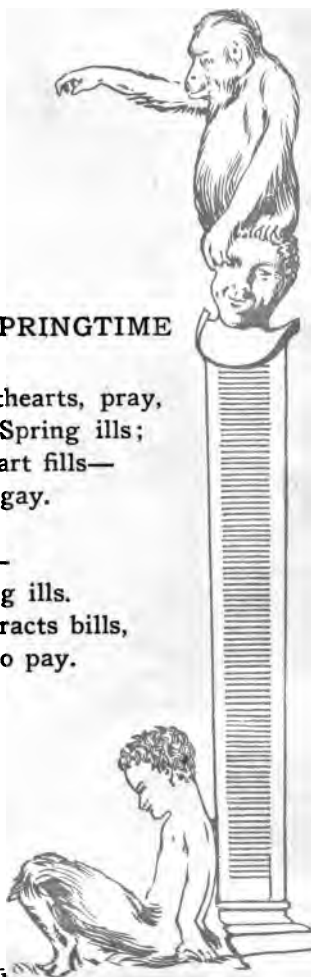




IN THE MERRY SPRINGTIME

PAUSE, Sweethearts, pray,
Now come Spring ills;
Love the heart fills—
Be cautious when gay.

Seek not the fray—
Now come Spring ills.
When Love contracts bills,
There's the Devil to pay.





HERE'S an acrobatic axiom
for you: A fellow no sooner
wins a girl's *hand* than he
is under her *thumb!*

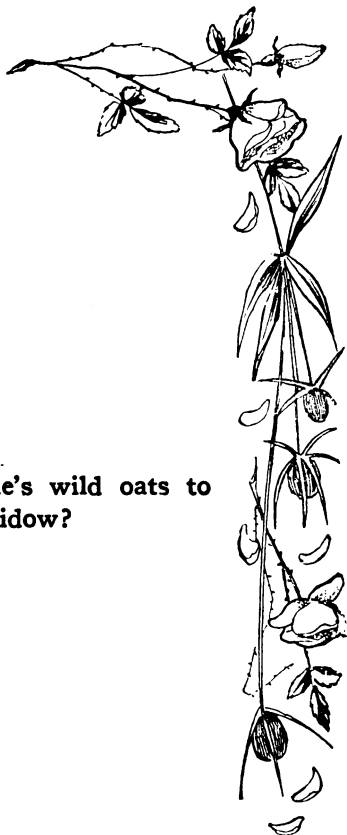
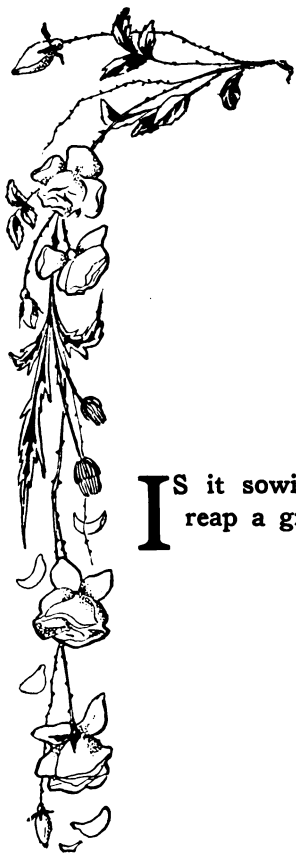
SOME kisses are perfectly
safe. They are so intense
they even shrivel up the
microbes.





LOVE is never too blind to
see what there is in the
pocket-book.



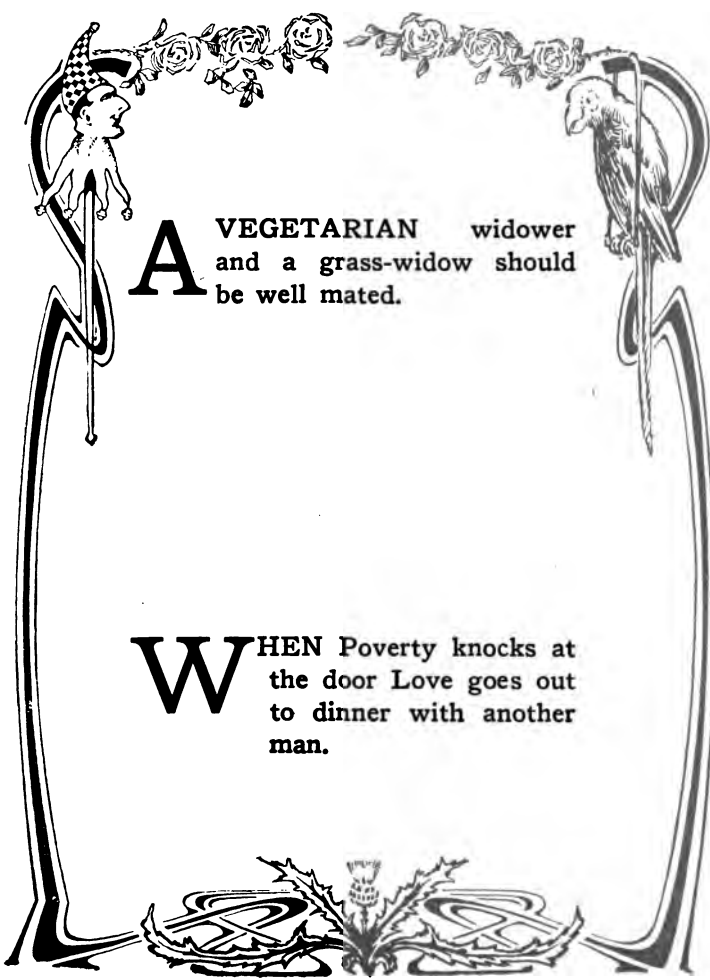


IS it sowing one's wild oats to
reap a grass-widow?



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A VEGETARIAN widower
and a grass-widow should
be well mated.

WHEN Poverty knocks at
the door Love goes out
to dinner with another
man.

A RIDDLE

WHAT is that which is
given,
Yet taken as well,
Which makes life a Heaven,
And sometimes a Hell?
Come, lovers, come, sweethearts,
The answer is this:
A sweet little,
Neat little,
Fleet little,
Kiss!

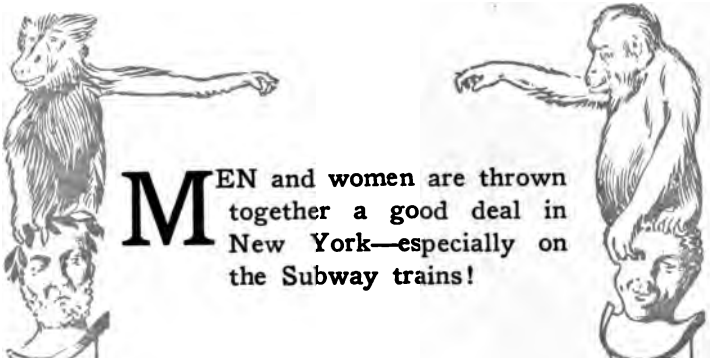


IT is useless to try and drown your sorrows in the flowing cup. Sorrows are expert swimmers.



NATURE study is ever fashionable. We are forever looking up somebody's family tree.

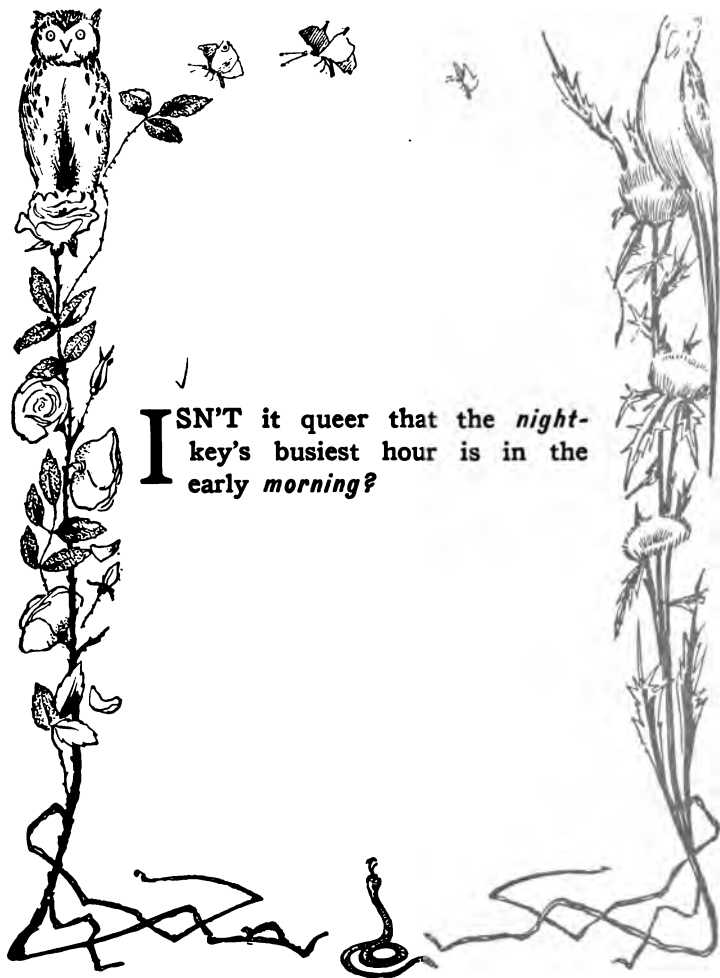




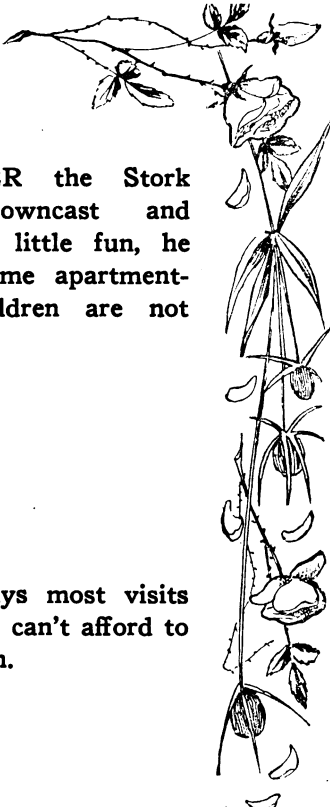
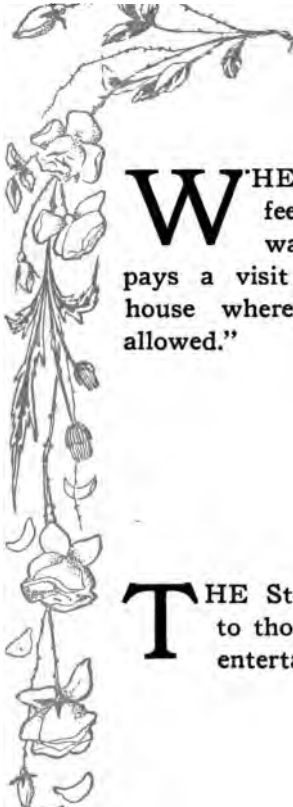
MEN and women are thrown
together a good deal in
New York—especially on
the Subway trains!



OF course your dear wife
kicks when you go to the
roof - garden show. She
doesn't want you to see any other
woman kick!







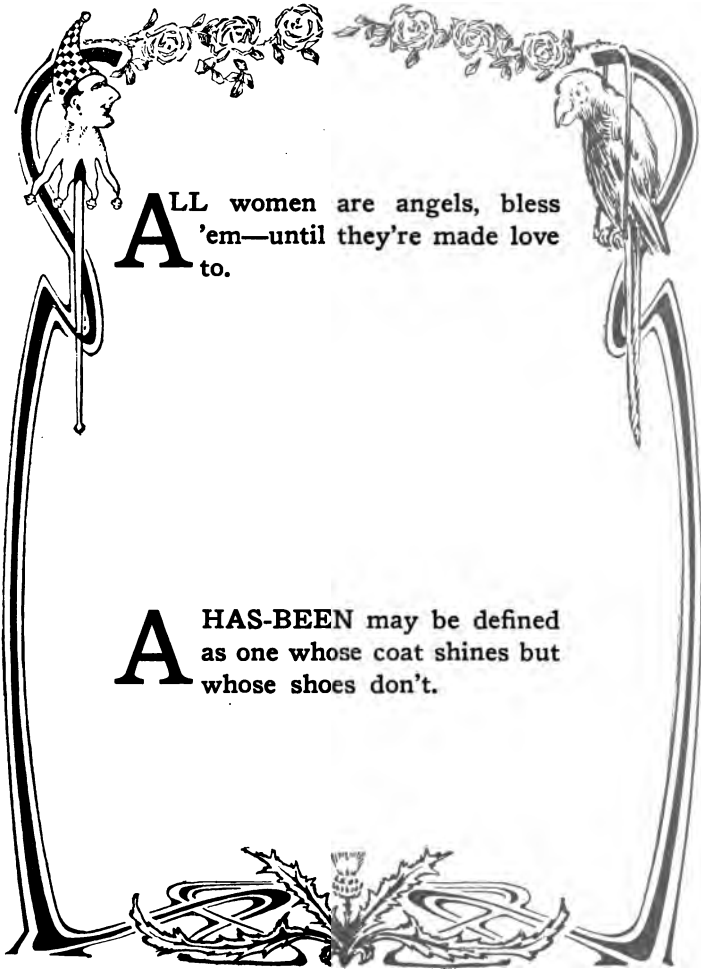
WHENEVER the Stork
feels downcast and
wants a little fun, he
pays a visit to some apartment-
house where "children are not
allowed."

THE Stork pays most visits
to those who can't afford to
entertain him.



A BIT OF ADVICE

YOUNG married couples,
I'll give you a recipe;
Beats *pâté aux truffes*—
A sure "open Sesame"
To blisses that set you
Above worldly pother;
*Just try to forget you
Belong to each other!*



ALL women are angels, bless
'em—until they're made love
to.

A HAS-BEEN may be defined
as one whose coat shines but
whose shoes don't.



PERHAPS, after all, when a man prefers his cook to his wife it shows a certain amount of good *taste*?

IT is a very sure sign of convalescence when a patient begins to make love to his nurse.

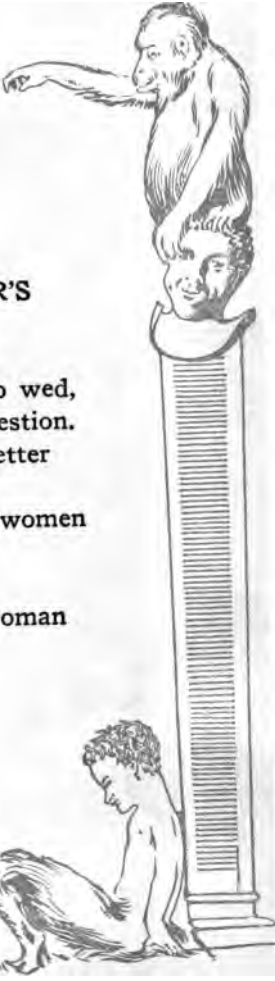
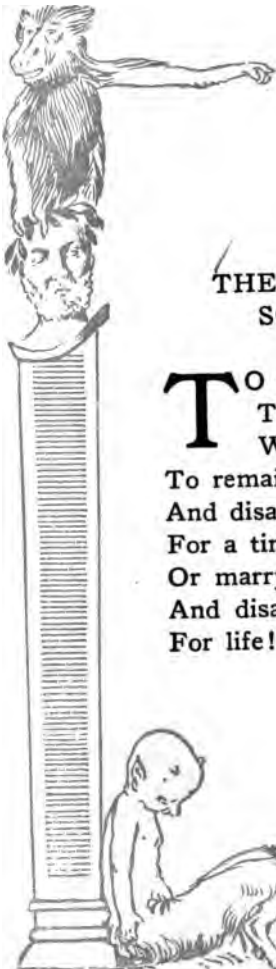


SOME women marry to mend
a man's ways, but all they
ever mend is his clothes.



SOME women with reforming
proclivities blot out a man's
past—by giving him another.





THE BACHELOR'S SOLILOQUY

TO wed or not to wed,
That is the question.
Whether 'tis better
To remain single
And disappoint a few women
For a time;
Or marry
And disappoint *one* woman
For life!





THE woman who knows her
own mind must be horribly
well educated!



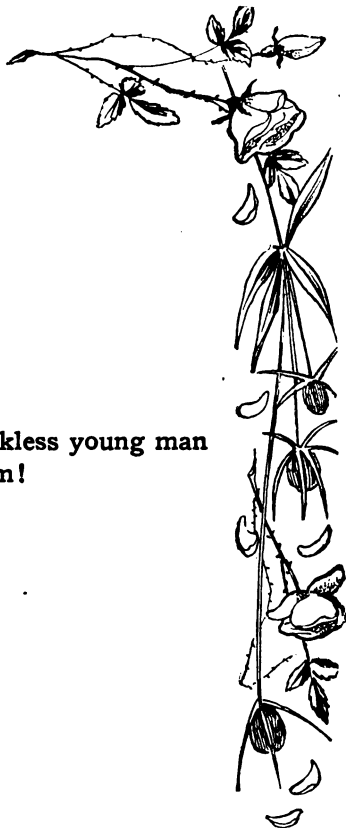
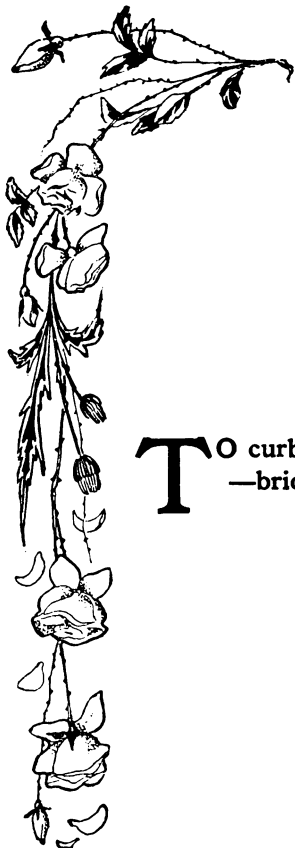
THE critical student of the
female heart can never
make a romantically satis-
factory lover.



TOO often, gilt-edged security is just *guilt*-edged.

THE way of the transgressor is to—*Reno*.

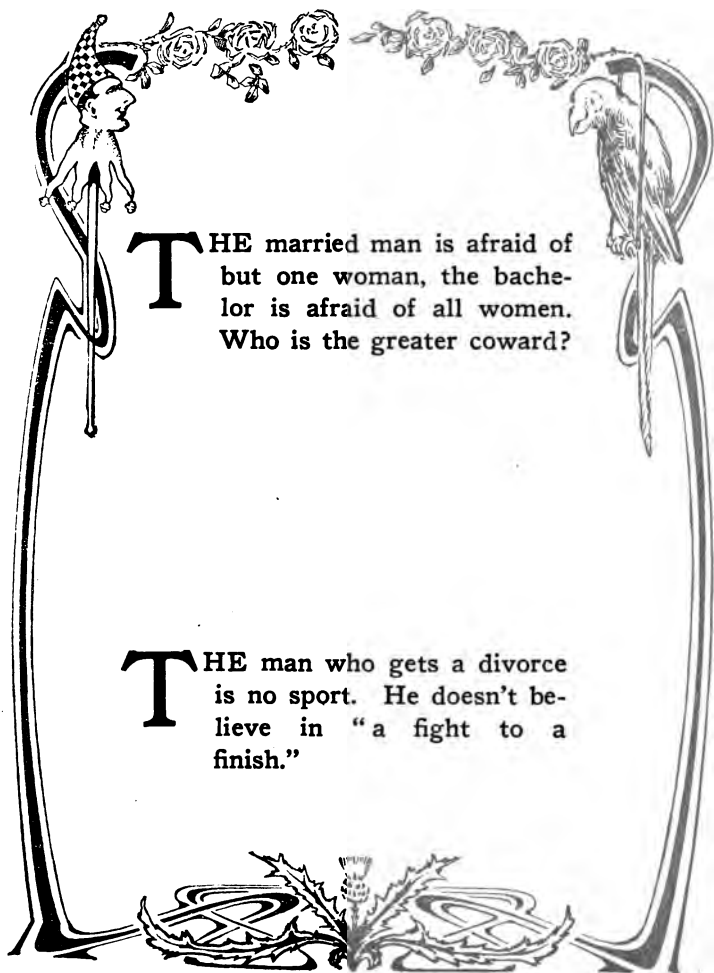




TO curb a reckless young man
—bridal him!

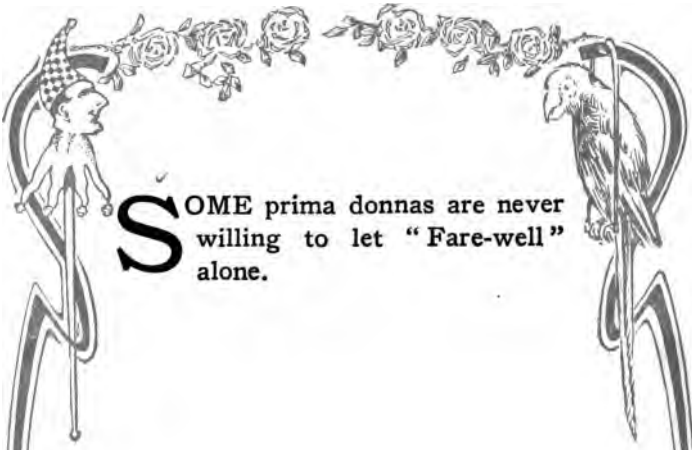






THE married man is afraid of
but one woman, the bache-
lor is afraid of all women.
Who is the greater coward?

THE man who gets a divorce
is no sport. He doesn't be-
lieve in "a fight to a
finish."



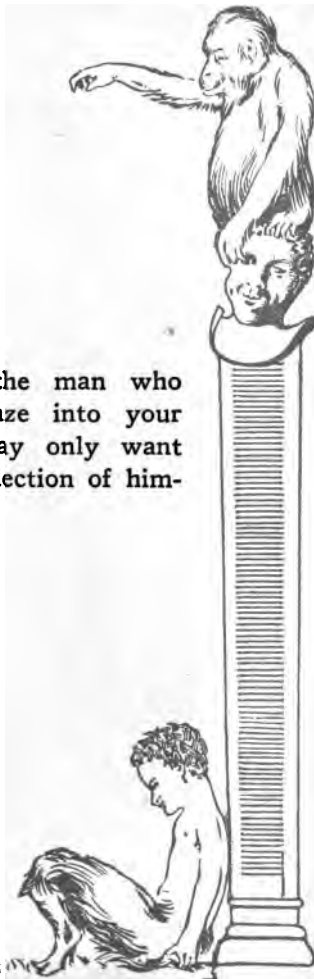
SOME prima donnas are never willing to let "Fare-well" alone.

WHEN visiting your sweetheart in her box at the opera, it is only charitable to "cover her with kisses." She needs to be covered with something.





BEWARE of the man who wishes to gaze into your eyes. He may only want to see the reflection of himself.







A THRIFTY father often means a spend-thrifty son.

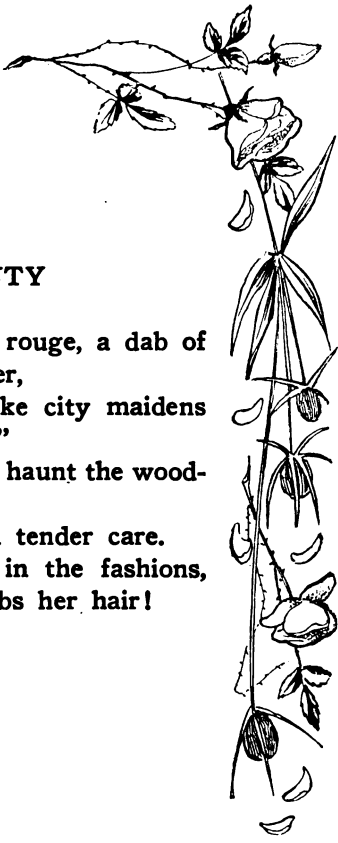
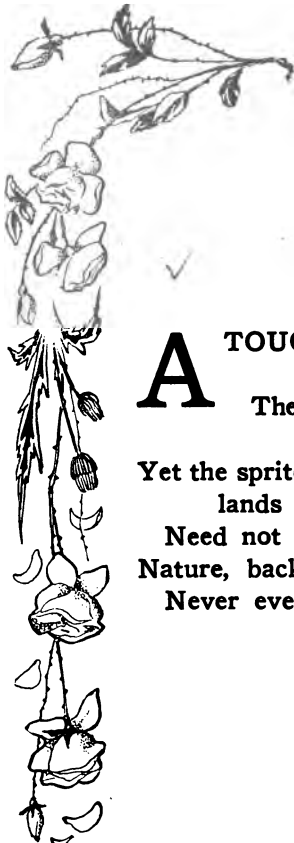




THE woman who *divides* her affections is apt to *subtract* from her peace of mind and —*add* to her family.

A WOMAN soon learns that the average man is but a *sheep* in wolf's clothing!





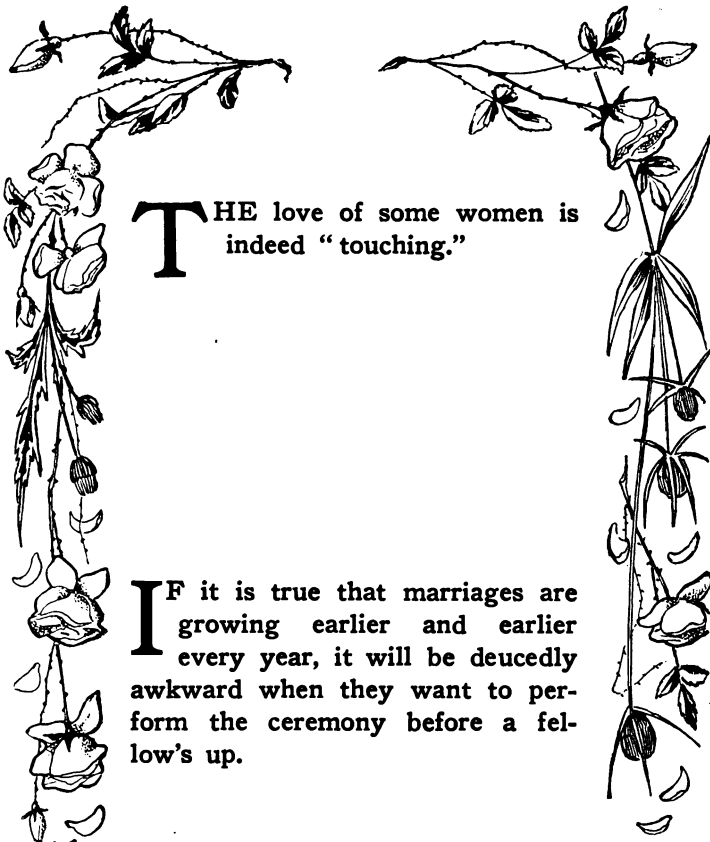
BEAUTY

A TOUCH of rouge, a dab of
powder,
These make city maidens
“fair,”

Yet the sprites that haunt the wood-
lands

Need not such a tender care.
Nature, backward in the fashions,
Never even combs her hair!

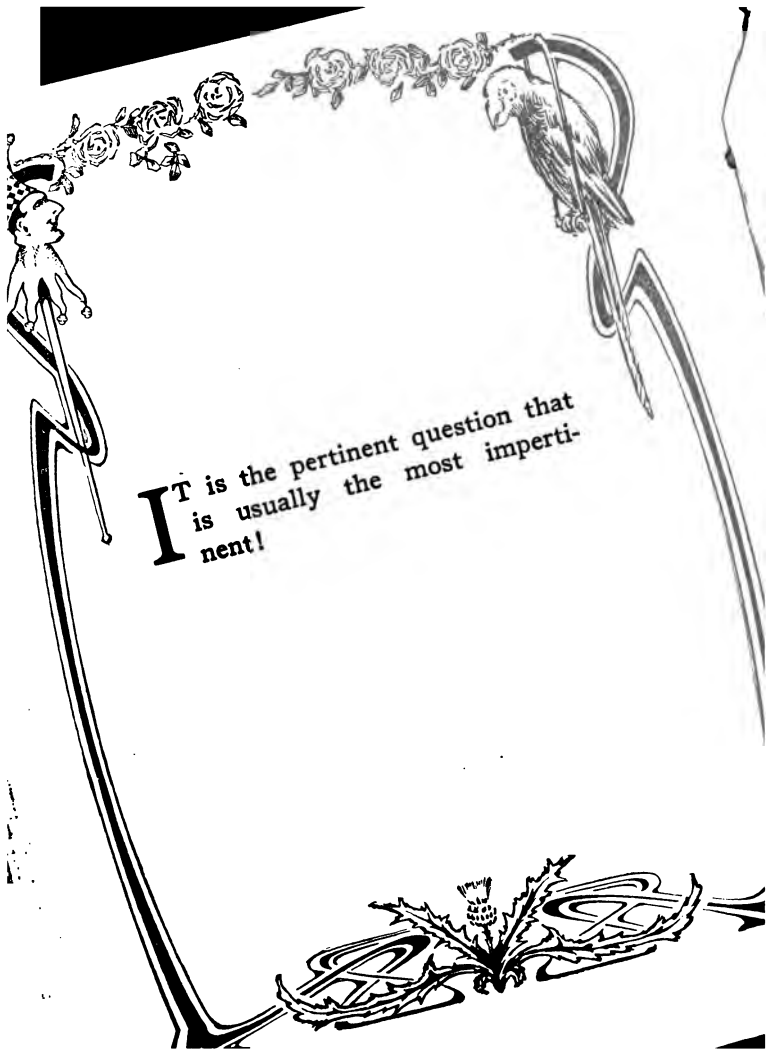


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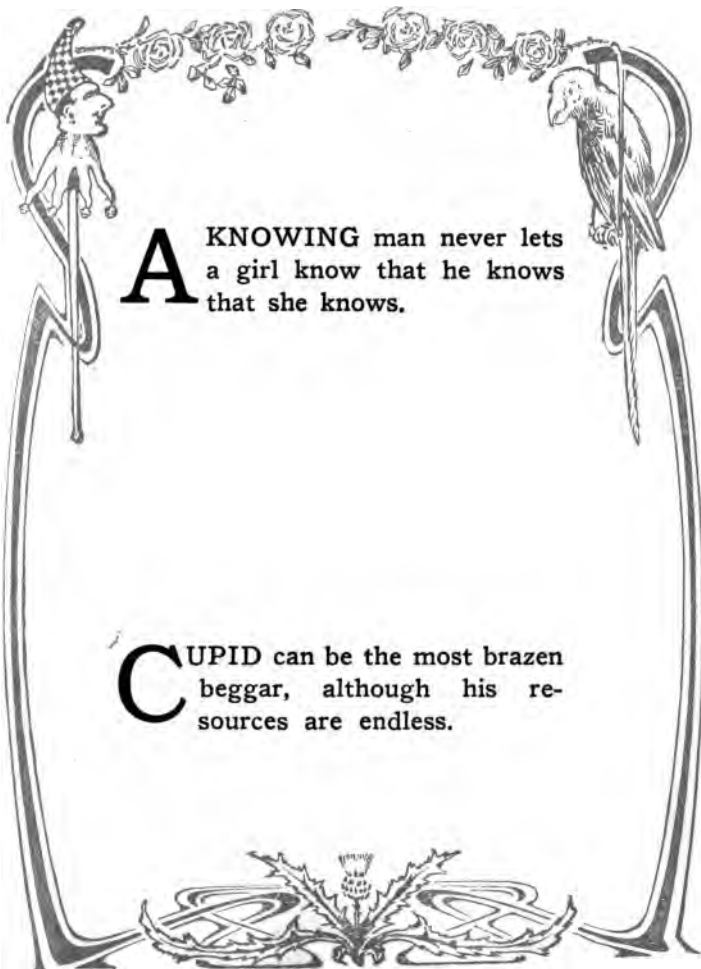
THE love of some women is indeed "touching."

IF it is true that marriages are growing earlier and earlier every year, it will be deucedly awkward when they want to perform the ceremony before a fellow's up.

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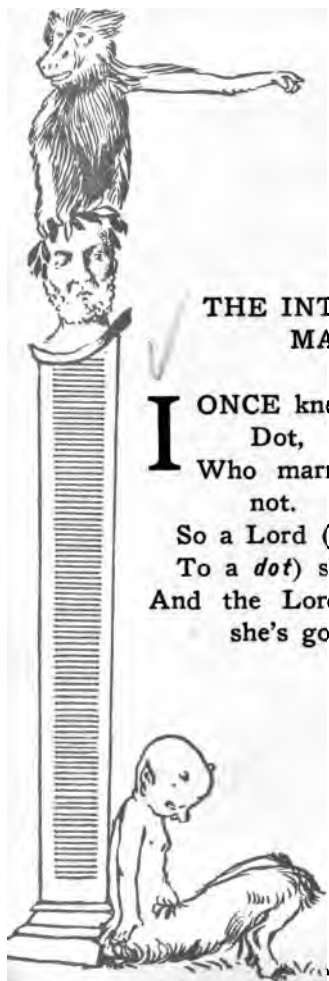


IT is the pertinent question that
is usually the most imperti-
nent!



A KNOWING man never lets
a girl know that he knows
that she knows.

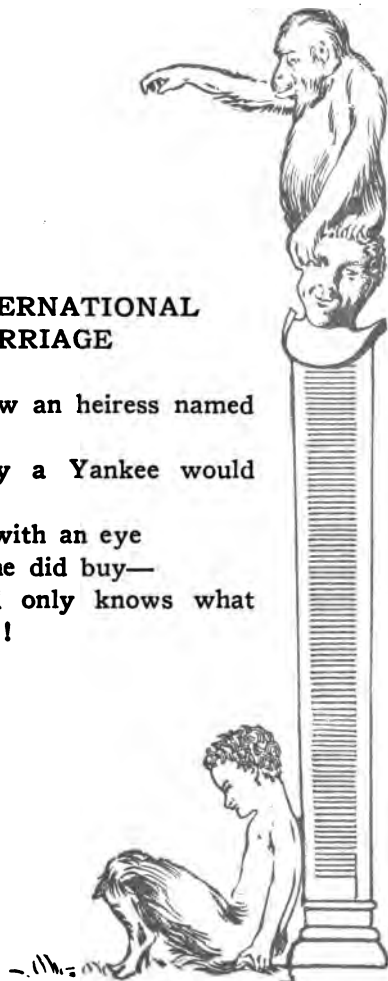
CUPID can be the most brazen
beggar, although his re-
sources are endless.



THE INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE

I ONCE knew an heiress named
Dot,
Who marry a Yankee would
not.

So a Lord (with an eye
To a *dot*) she did buy—
And the Lord only knows what
she's got!

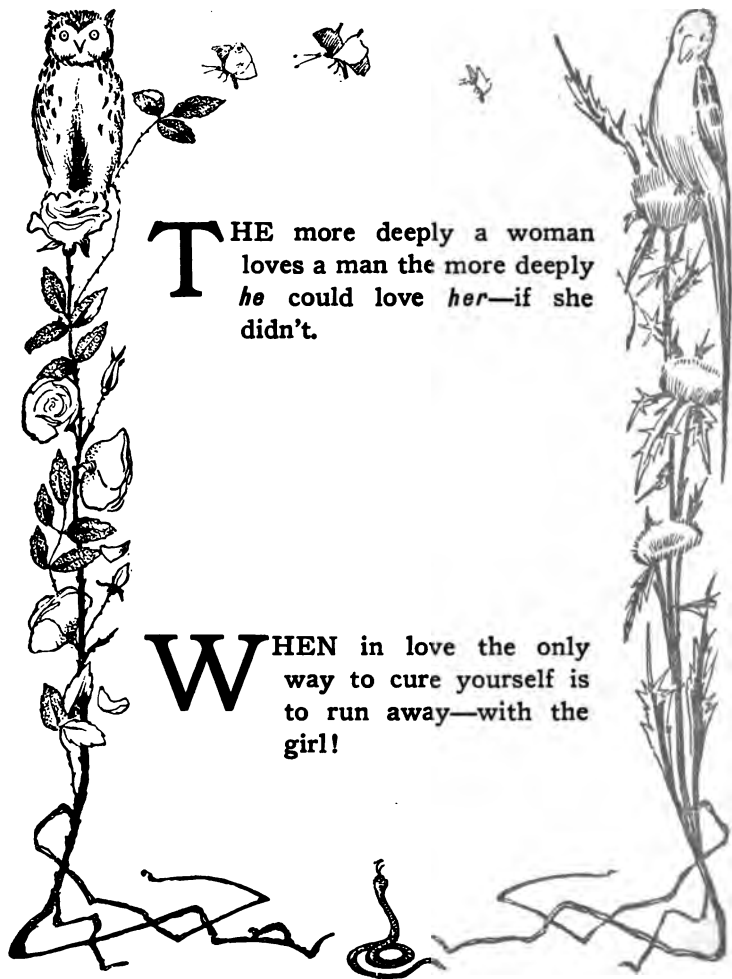




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“**I** LOVE you to distraction,”
usually means, “I love you
to destruction.”

“**E**VERY Jack has his Jill.”
And often the other fel-
low's as well!





THE more deeply a woman
loves a man the more deeply
he could love *her*—if she
didn't.

WHEN in love the only
way to cure yourself is
to run away—with the
girl!



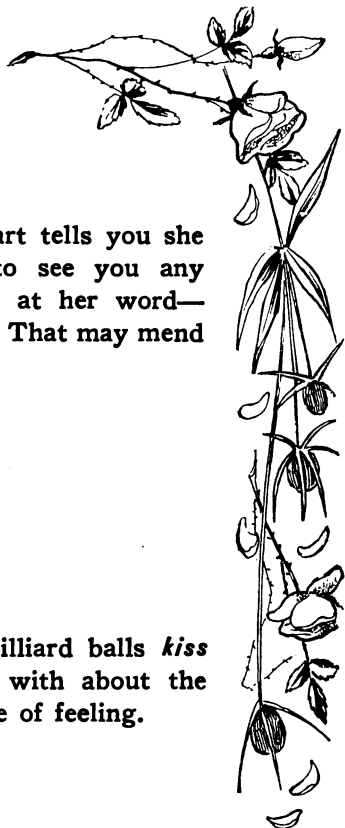
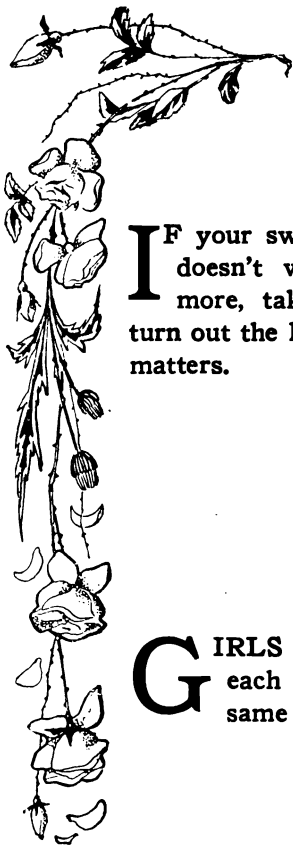
SPEAKING of gossip, even the
auto runs you down behind
your back.

NEVER pick forbidden fruit
before it is ripe.



WAY OF THE WORLD

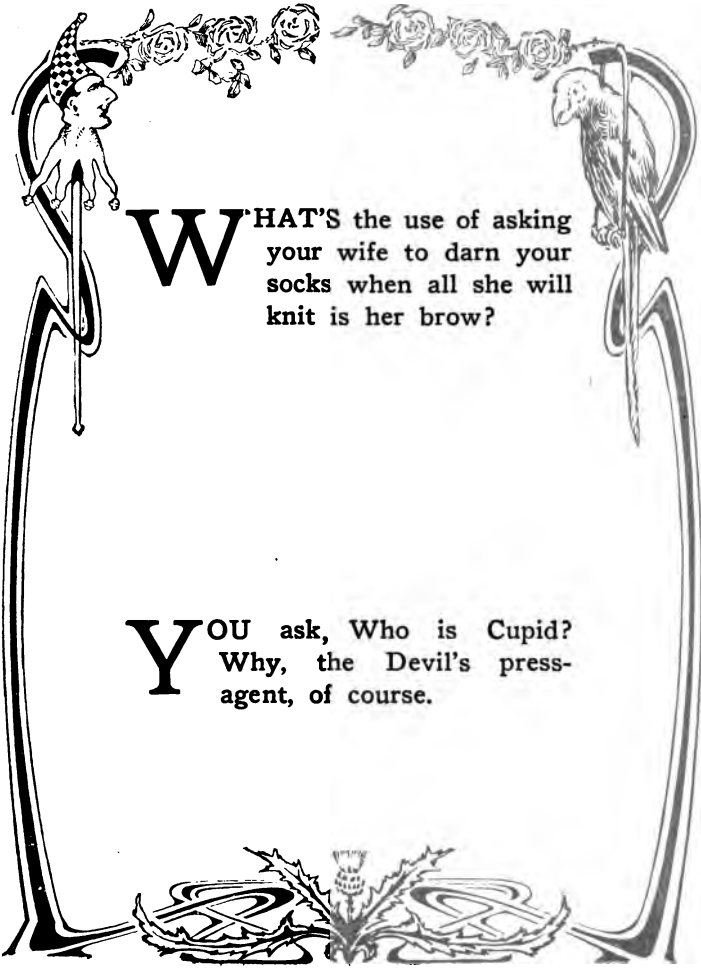
DRINK and the world drinks
with you,
But it's enough to make
you groan;
When you come to settle the bill,
You settle the bill alone.



IF your sweetheart tells you she doesn't want to see you any more, take her at her word—turn out the light! That may mend matters.

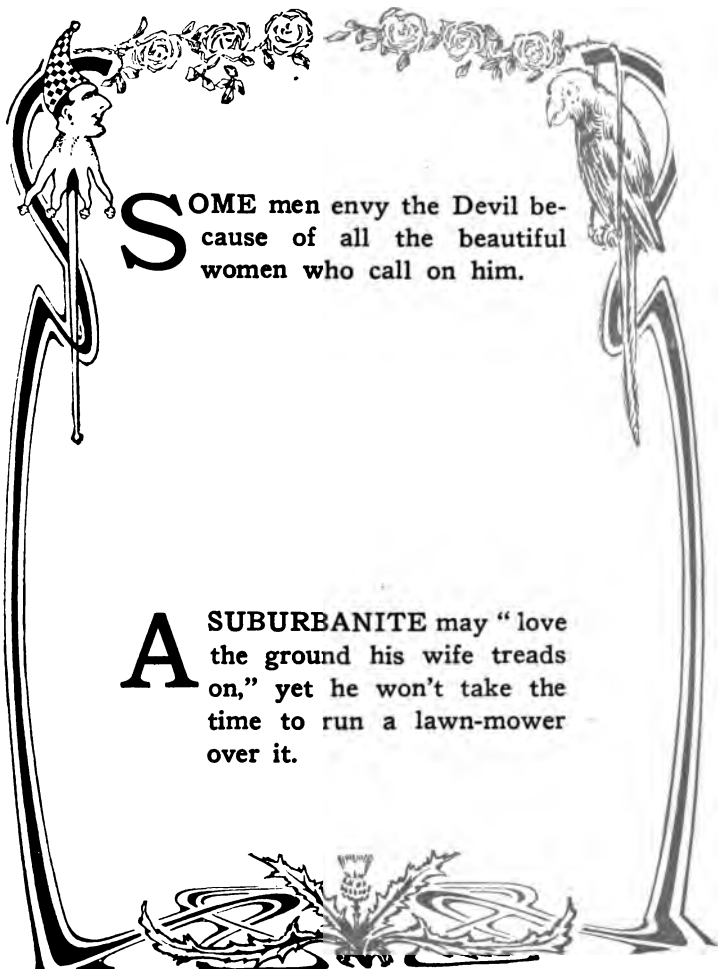
GIRLS and billiard balls *kiss* each other with about the same degree of feeling.





WHAT'S the use of asking
your wife to darn your
socks when all she will
knit is her brow?

YOU ask, Who is Cupid?
Why, the Devil's press-
agent, of course.



SOME men envy the Devil because of all the beautiful women who call on him.

A SUBURBANITE may "love the ground his wife treads on," yet he won't take the time to run a lawn-mower over it.



THE LOVE THAT LASTS

THERE are many loves that
fill man's heart
And make existence sunny,
But Time sees all, save one, de-
part—
And that's the love of Money!



SOMETIMES a *broken* heart
means a mended conscience.



SOME of us think we are
meaner than we really are.



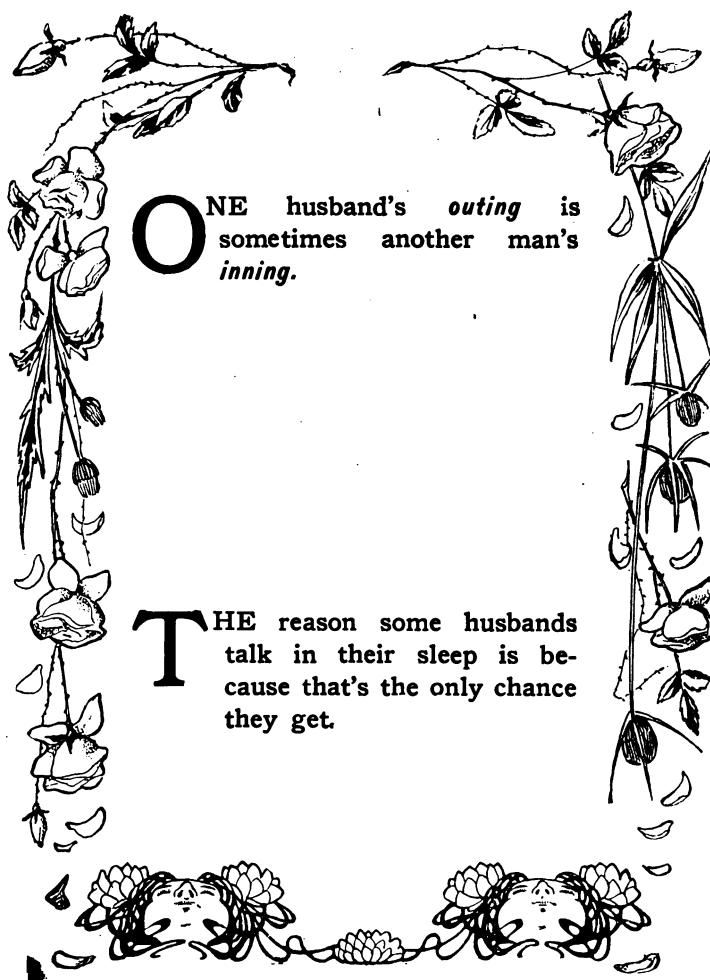
NO RESTAURANT FOR HIM

THE Cannibal Chieftain was
starving,
So his poor little Sweet-
heart he ate her.
He knew he had only one quarter,
And he'd have to give that to the
waiter!



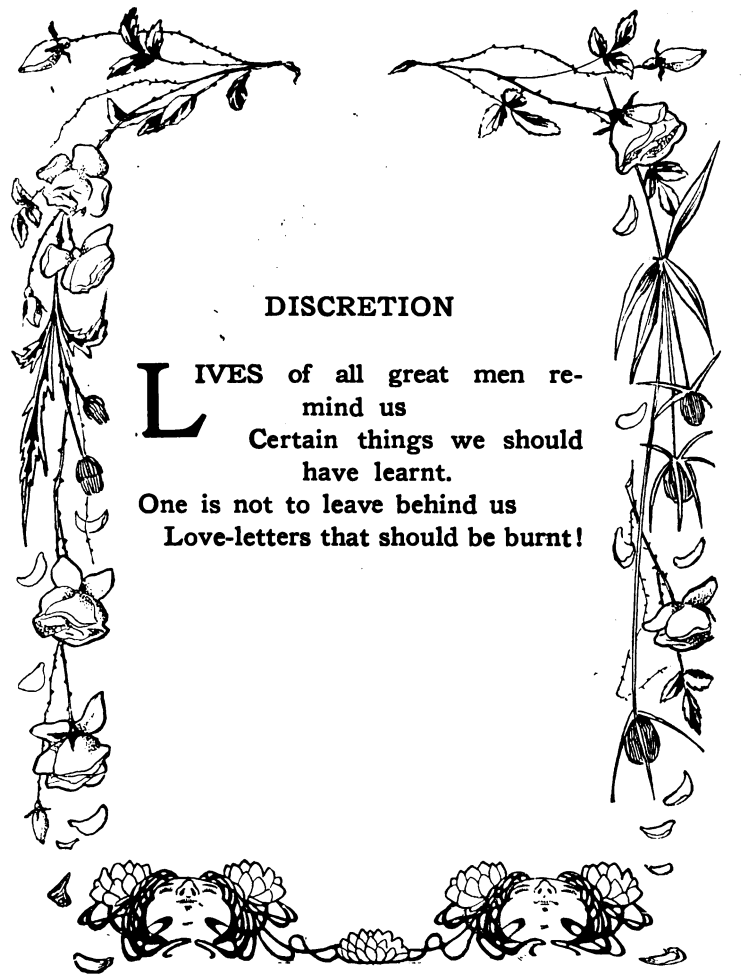
ANY woman will adopt the latest wrinkles to efface them.





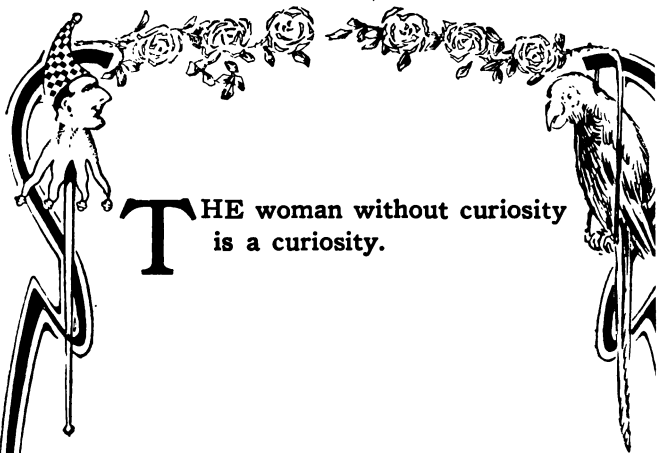
ONE husband's *outing* is
sometimes another man's
inning.

THE reason some husbands
talk in their sleep is be-
cause that's the only chance
they get.



DISCRETION

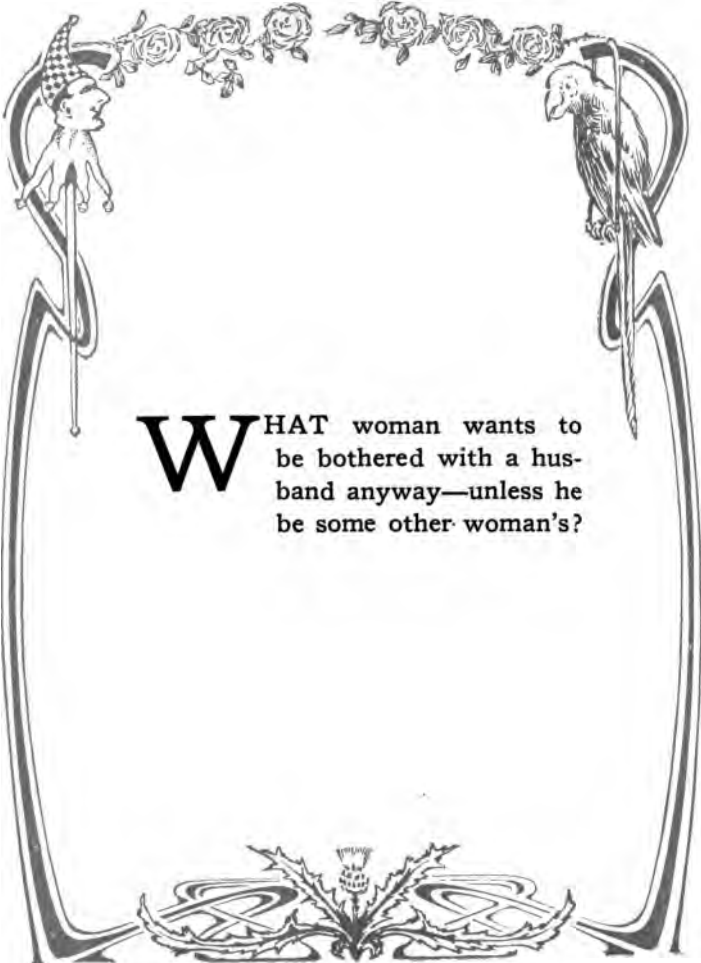
LIVES of all great men re-
mind us
Certain things we should
have learnt.
One is not to leave behind us
Love-letters that should be burnt!



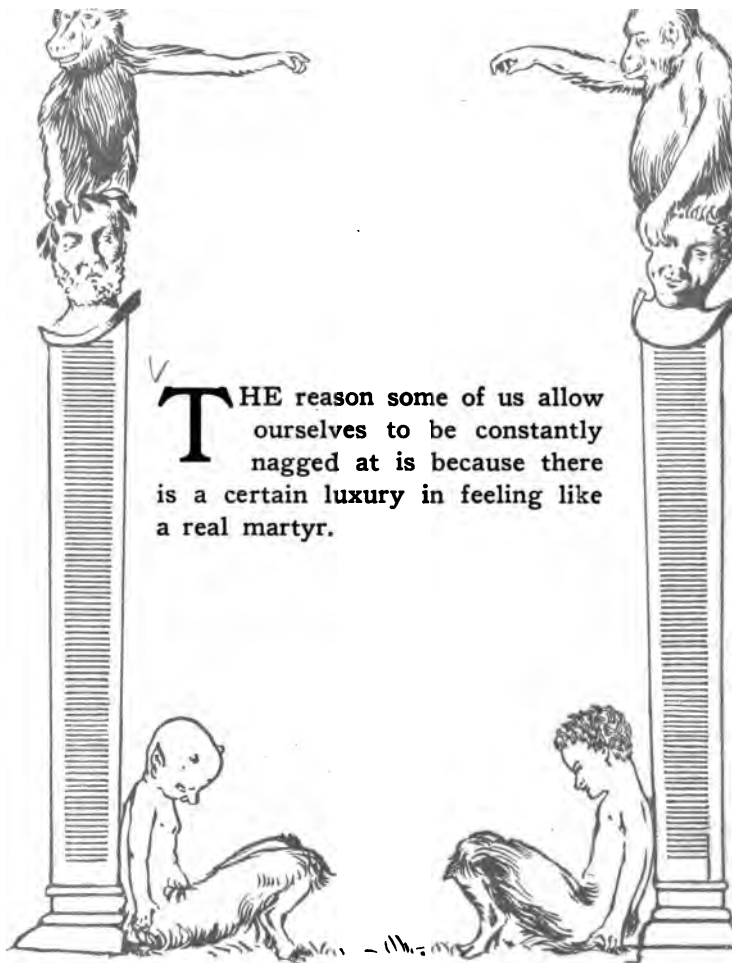
THE woman without curiosity
is a curiosity.

MIND your own business. If
you don't another will.

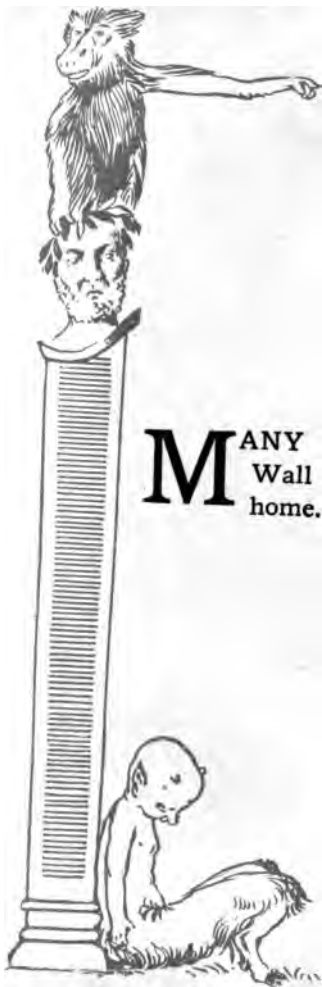




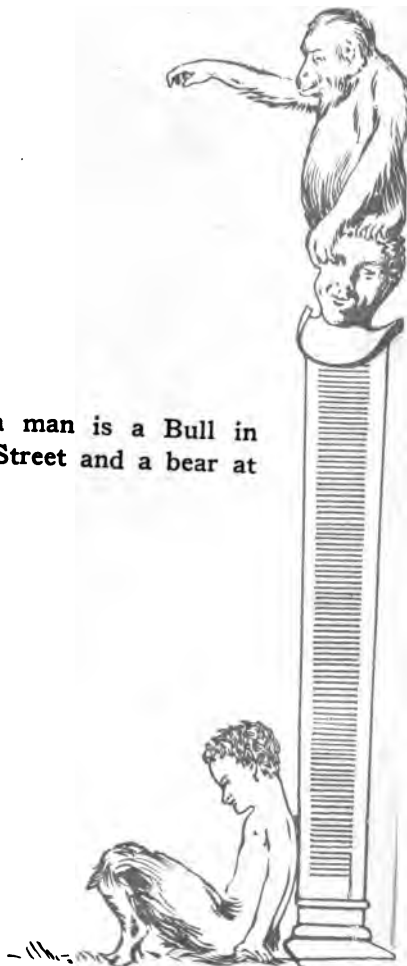
WHAT woman wants to
be bothered with a hus-
band anyway—unless he
be some other woman's?



THE reason some of us allow ourselves to be constantly nagged at is because there is a certain luxury in feeling like a real martyr.



MANY a man is a Bull in
Wall Street and a bear at
home.





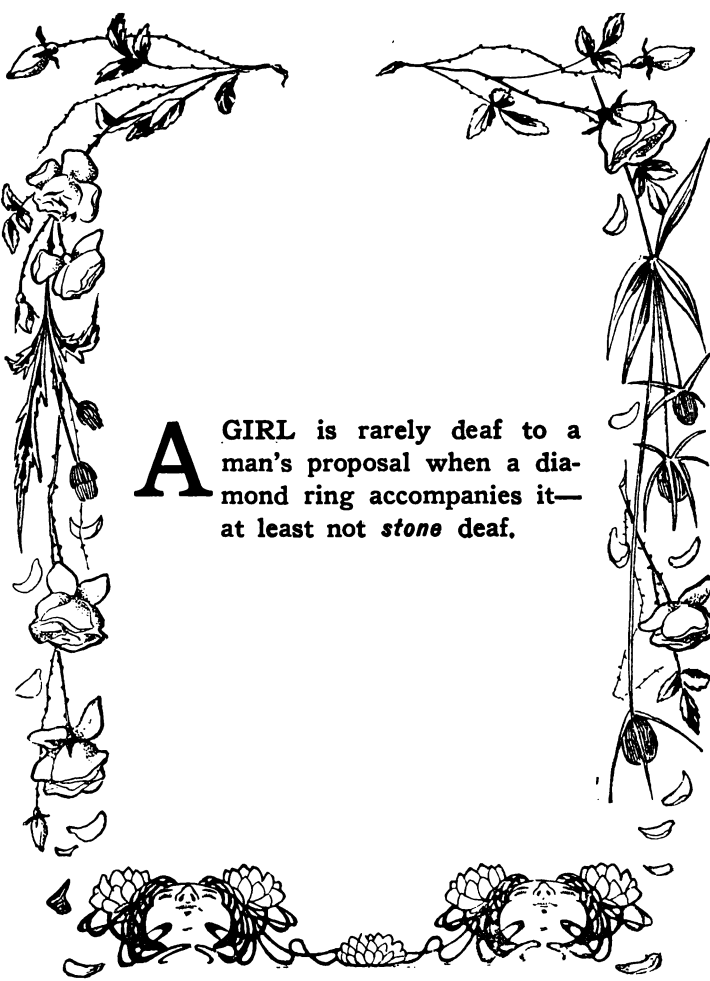
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**IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER-
TIME**

IF a maid had to wear her last
summer's gown,
She'd hide under cover.
Yet proudly she flaunts in village
or town
Her last summer's lover!



A HEART must be broken
several times before it is
rendered unbreakable!

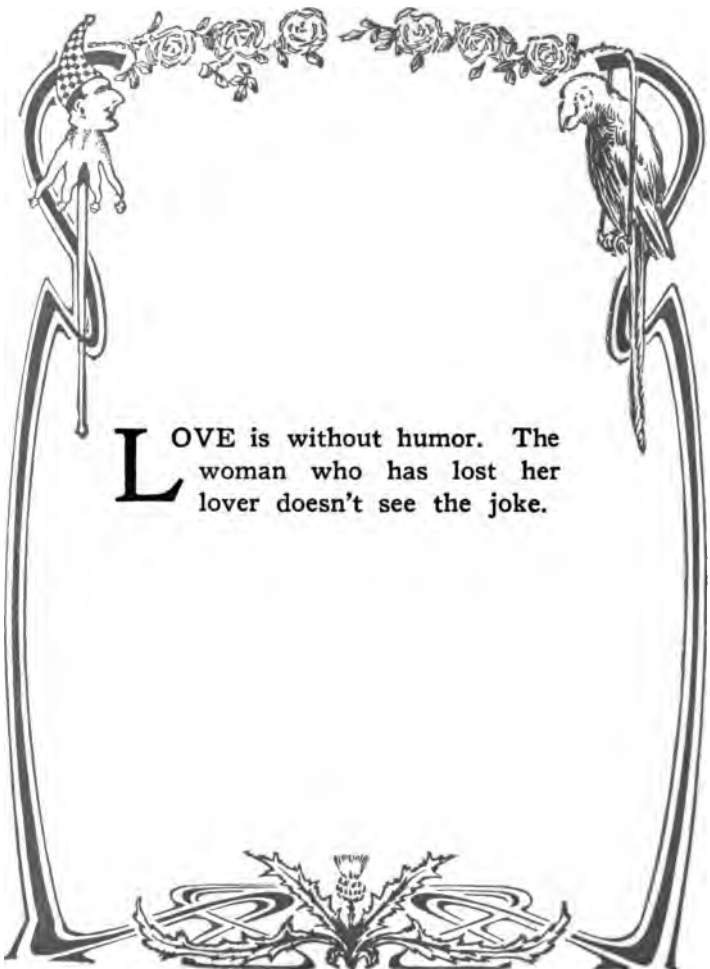




A GIRL is rarely deaf to a man's proposal when a diamond ring accompanies it—at least not *stone* deaf.



BEING made love to by a brunette is no *light* matter.



LOVE is without humor. The
woman who has lost her
lover doesn't see the joke.

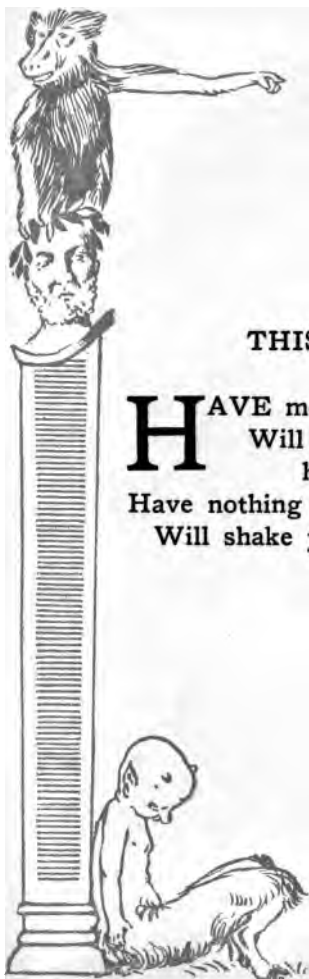
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A WOMAN doesn't object to
her sweetheart being untrue
—to the other woman!

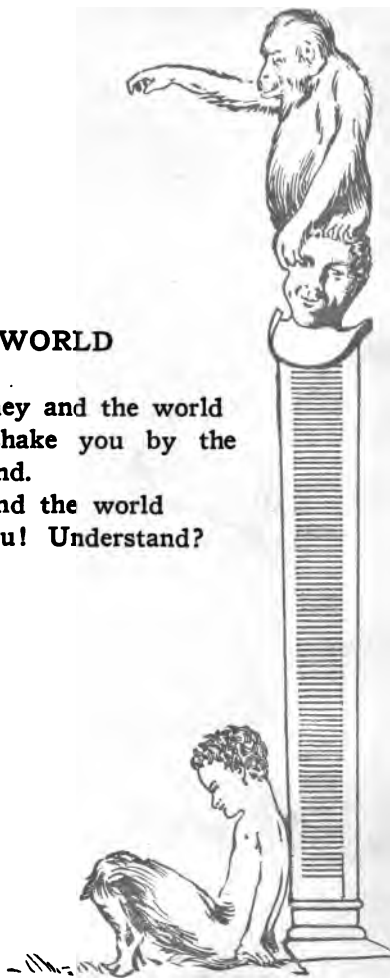




THIS WORLD

HAVE money and the world
Will shake you by the
hand.

Have nothing and the world
Will shake you! Understand?





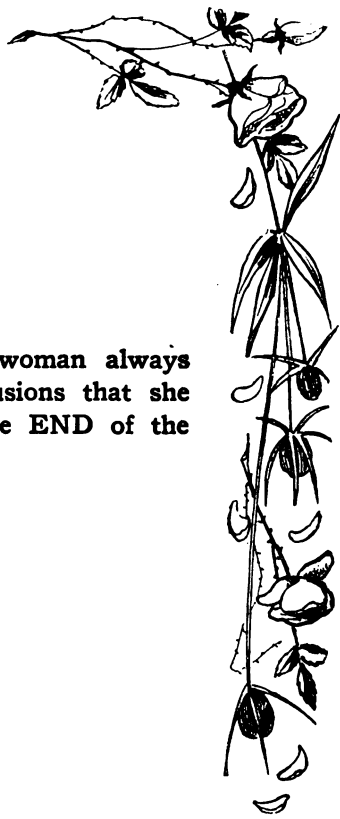
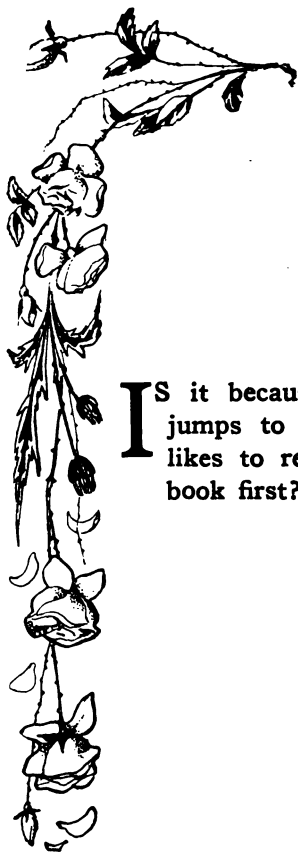
IF the girl you are courting gives you a box of cigars for Christmas, just donate it to your rival. Could you conceive a sweeter revenge?





THANK God that most of us
are not as deadly serious as
we think we are.





IS it because a woman always jumps to conclusions that she likes to read the **END** of the book first?



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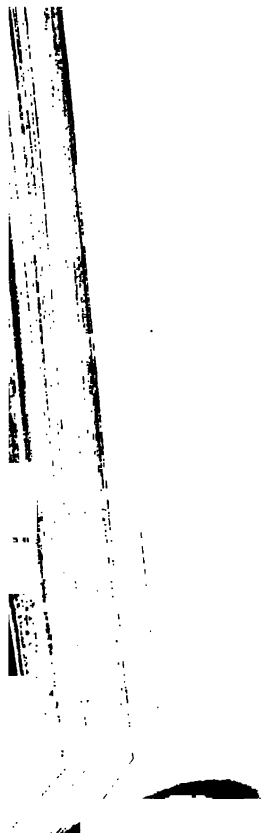
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